

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 – 2:30 p.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Chair  
Rep. Johnny Anderson, House Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Spencer J. Cox  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher  
Rep. Gage Froerer  
Rep. Don L. Ipson  
Rep. John Knotwell

Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Van Tassell called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. Sen. Harper was excused from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams and Rep. Ipson were absent for the vote.

**2. Presentation: Condition of Utah's Roads**

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Director, Legislative Affairs, Utah League of Cities and Towns, distributed "Municipal Highway Infrastructure Overview."

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach, City of Taylorsville, stated that there is a need for enhanced funding for local governments. Mayor Rechtenbach presented a portion of "Municipal Highway Infrastructure Overview," which was previously distributed to committee members, noting that municipal highway funds do not adequately meet the needs of many cities along the Wasatch Front.

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Ogden City, continued the presentation with a discussion of current maintenance responsibilities and transportation funding needs in Ogden.

Mayor Heather Jackson, Eagle Mountain City, briefed committee members on maintenance needs for roads in Eagle Mountain City.

Mayor Rechtenbach, Mayor Caldwell, and Mayor Jackson responded to committee members' questions.

Mr. Brent Gardner, Executive Director, Utah Association of Counties, distributed "The Cost of 'Timely' Maintenance."

Mr. Larry Ellertson, Commissioner, Utah County, noted that counties have many of the same maintenance issues as cities. He referred to the handout that Mr. Gardner distributed and noted that maintaining roads is less costly than reconstructing neglected roads.

Mr. Brian Bremner, Engineer, Garfield County, distributed and discussed "Brutal Facts and Unconquerable Faith and Little/No Cost Improvements." Mr. Bremner noted the inequalities inherent in the current funding formula for Class B and C roads in the state and offered suggestions to modify the program.

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation, distributed and reviewed "2013 Strategic Direction and Performance Measures" and briefed the committee on the importance of preserving the existing infrastructure. Mr. Braceras noted ways the maintenance of paved roads costs less over time. He also discussed the condition of bridges throughout the state and responded to committee members' questions.

### **3. Utah Transit Authority: Condition and Funding**

Mr. H. David Burton, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Utah Transit Authority, distributed "Utah Transit Authority Year in Review 2012" and presented a portion of "UTA Presentation to the Transportation Interim Committee." Mr. Burton provided an overview of the Utah Transit Authority's services, governance, and oversight.

Mr. Bob Miles, Chief Financial Officer, Utah Transit Authority, continued the presentation and briefed committee members on financial projections and revenue sources.

Mr. Mike Allegra, General Manager, Utah Transit Authority, was prepared to conclude the presentation, but because it was after 5:00 p.m., Chair Van Tassell asked if he would be willing to continue at a future meeting. Mr. Allegra agreed.

### **4. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams, Rep. Froerer, and Rep. Ipson were absent for the vote. Chair Van Tassell adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.